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**OFFICE OF PETITIONS**

In re Application of :  
Theodore D. Lanier :  
Application No. 10/724,241 :  
Filed: November 28, 2003 :  
For: ALL-WHEEL DRIVE ELECTRIC VEHICLE :  
: DECISION ON PETITION  
: TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER  
: 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed November 28, 2003,<sup>1</sup> to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required.

The petition includes a copy of a driver's license and a declaration by Theodore D. Lanier attesting that he is over 65 years of age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at 571-272-3220.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 3618 to await a reply to the non-final Office mailed February 28, 2006.

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<sup>1</sup> The instant petition was only recently brought to the attention of the deciding official. The Office sincerely apologizes for the delay in replying to the instant petition and inconvenience caused petitioner by this delay.